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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PIPE CONNECTING METHOD AND APPARATUS, the specification of which was filed on, _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on (if applicable).

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<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>

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Prior U. S. Application(s):		
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